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Judge Kolar Kottely
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Dear Judge Kolar Kottely:

There is not an American who has not been touched by or seen the impact of the slowing national economy. As the chief executive officer of a strategic marketing and communications firm, I have witnessed first hand what the slowing economy has meant for our clients and our employees. Across Iowa we have seen many of our most important employers either close their doors or endure severe lay-offs in these troubled economic times.

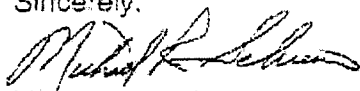
Almost every decision our government makes right now has a direct impact on the health of our national economy. The decision whether to accept the Department of Justice's settlement with Microsoft is no exception.

Microsoft is one of the most successful corporations in the country. The growth of this company has translated into thousands of jobs, new innovations, and the creation of still more technology-based companies. Unfortunately, as the economy began to inch toward recession, the government began its legal wrangling with Microsoft. Next came the major decline of technology stocks. The creation of new technology based companies and jobs slowed as well.

Settling the Microsoft case will help give the economy the boost it needs toward recovery. Plus, the conditions of the settlement were fair for all involved. Under this agreement, Microsoft must allow computer makers to remove their software and they will be prevented from punishing companies that promote Windows competing products. A neutral commission will oversee all elements of the settlement.

I respectfully urge you to accept the Department of Justice's settlement with Microsoft.

Sincerely,



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